

Meeting Commenced at 19:37 Hours

 Observed moment of silence for all deceased members

 Stood to recite the “Pledge of Allegiance”

 Conducted member roll-call

Chief Bryer: Presented the notes from the previous meeting.

Motion by Captain Bob Bryer to accept the minutes from previous meeting

Seconded by Lt. Teixeira

Approved by all

Town Accounts

 Review of accounts were read aloud by Chief Bryer

Motion by Deputy Chief Pinksaw to accept the accounts as read.

Seconded by Captain Bob Bryer members

Approved by all

Report of Committees

Alarm:

 None

Building and Grounds Committee:

 None

Donation:

 None

Chandler:

 None

Entertainment:

 None

Fire Prevention:

 None

Incentive:

 None

Relief:

 None

Steamer:

 None

Training:

 None

Transactions of Bills and Accounts

ٸ None.

Annual Elections

All non-members were asked to leave the room until the elections were concluded.

Motion by Lt. Balzer to have Captain Bob Bryer preside over the election of officers.

Seconded by Deputy Chief Pinksaw

Approved by all

Nominations were announced for any candidates for the positions of Deputy Chief 2 through 4. The incumbents were the only nominations. One ballot was cast for the following:

ؖ DC Howie Tighe

ؖ DC Steve Teixeira

ؖ DC Michael Pinksaw Jr.

Nominations were announced for any candidates for the positions of Captain and Lieutenant of training. The incumbents were the only nominations. One ballot was cast for the following:

ؖ Captain Gary Largess

ؖ Lt. Kyle Teixeira

The members of each company were asked to meet as a group and elect a captain, Lieutenant and Chandler Committee member. The following members were elected as officers:

Company Captain Lieutenant Chandler Committee

Engine 1 Marcus Cochran Matt Pinksaw Mat Gladding

Engine 2 Evan Katz Will Kitts Adam Page

Engine 3 Brian Bryer Steve Froberg Lew Kitts

Ladder 1 Peter Roderick Mike Delessio Andrea vonHoheleiten

Tanker 1&2 Bob Bryer Paul Balzer William Murphy

Rescue 1 Nancy Beye Mary Ann Joyce Sandy Paterson

EMS Training Ron Barber Janine Tatzel Beverly Barber

EMS Admin Bob Manni Prim Bullock -----

Members Propounded

ٸ Presented one probationary member for consideration to be elected as new member in the Fire Division. Probationary FF Matt Rafinelli.

Motion by Captain Largess to accept Probationary FF Matt Rafinelli as

a full member.

Seconded by FF Ingari

Approved by all

 Presented two probationary members for consideration to be elected as new members in the EMS Division. Probationary EMS members Jack Rainey and Julian Ness.

Motion by Lt. Balzer to accept Probationary EMS members Jack Rainey and Julian Ness as full members.

Seconded by Captain Katz

Approved by all

 Presented nine individuals to be voted onto the training company as follows:

1. Fire Division Only – Jesse Stokes

2. EMS Division Only – Alexa Bracco

3. Fire and EMS Division – Matt Merkel, Garret Morgan, Chessa Sheppard, Lamar Stovell, Nick Woodbine, Scott Jackson and Don Regan

Motion by Lt. Caito to place on the training company Jesse Stokes, Alexa Bracco, Matt Merkel, Garret Morgan, Chessa Sheppard, Lamar Stovell, Nick Woodbine, Scott Jackson and Don Regan.

Seconded by Brian Bryer

Approved by all

ٸ At the recommendation of the Ladder 1 officers, recommended that Dave Gladding Sr. be placed on the past active list.

Motion by Deputy Chief Pinksaw to place Dave Gladding Sr. on the past active list.

Seconded by Captain Katz

Approved by all

New Business

Deputy Chief Tighe

ٸ Discussed by-law change modifying the selection process of training committee members (current: selected by company

members). The new proposal would be selection by the Chief with consultation from the Deputy Chief of Training and Training Officers.

Motion by Lt. Balzer to approve by-law change for selecting training committee members.

Seconded by Lt. Froberg

Approved by all

Chief Bryer

 Discussed purchase of utility truck from Joan Vessella, widow of deceased member Vinny Vessella for \$10,000. Discussed truck use and purchase price value.

Motion by Deputy Chief Pinksaw to offer \$10,000 to Joan Vessella to purchase the utility truck.

Seconded by Captain Largess

Approved by all

Deputy Chief Tighe

 Discussed condition of training facility (Fort Burnside) and the deterioration of the facility (i.e. spalling of the concrete bunker rooms) due to the amount of live burns conducted and the lack of insulation to protect the concrete structure. JFD is one of only several departments and locations in RI with such a facility and

losing this site (due to it being hazardous) would diminish effectiveness of firefighting capabilities.

Heat resistant burn panels needed to be installed if we are to continue to use this facility. This would be “phase one” of a multi-phase project to improve and upgrade the training facility now and into the future. Phase one work would include:

1. Installing specialized fire resistant panels in all rooms where burns take place.
2. Install explosion-proof lighting throughout facility.
3. Install vent fans.

Motion by Captain Largess to take \$20,000 from donations to upgrade the Fort Burnside facility as part of phase one work.

Seconded by Lt. Caito

Approved by all

FF Kitts

 Request \$1,500 be taken from donations for Memorial Day

Parade expenses.

Motion by Lt. Teixeira to take \$1,500 from donations for Memorial Day Parade expenses.

Seconded by Captain Largess

Approved by all

Chief Bryer

 JFD Golf Tournament on May 24th. We need golfers (preferably four-some) Cost is \$85 per person and includes cart, greens fees and lunch. Also need members to volunteer to help the day of the tournament. See Lt. Caito or DC Tighe for tickets and details.

 Baseball parade on Saturday 9AM. Need volunteers to drive trucks and provide safety for kids. Please be at the station by 8AM.

 Island Treasures at Lawn Avenue School on May 30th. Please consider volunteering for this live demonstration of fire equipment and tactics for the students.

 Police Parade in Newport on May 4th. If you are interested in participating, please see FF Kitts.

 Lieutenant Steve Froberg wanted to thank all those that attended his mother's wake, Mass and funeral and to those offering condolences.

 FF Jim Smith wanted to note that when he posts pictures on the member's only site, the password to access the site is 02835.

ٸ FF Von Hohenletien asked members to consider having our summer picnic to be moved to early September due to availability of members during the summer months. Also discussed was having the JFD muster as part of this family event.

Motion to adjourn by Lt. Teixeira

Seconded by FF Brian Page

Approved by all

Meeting adjourned at 20:15 Hours